Additional Notes to the Hainan Birds

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Since the publication of my book, *Contribution on the Birds of Hainan*, in 1939, I have found it necessary to alter some of the nomenclature and to add some species which were overlooked in my previous work.

A Tentative list of Chinese Birds, 1926-27 by G. D. Wilder, N. Gist Gee and Lacy Moffett includes Hainan but because of misprints and the uncertain sources of its records some of the accounts are not definitely authenticated.

Birds of Kwangtung, Kwangsi and Fukien in Sun Yatsen University in Canton, *Hong Kong Naturalist*, viii, no. 1, pp. 17-28, April, 1937 by Y. S. Fok includes Hainan, and lists 150 species therefrom. On p. 25, *Gennaerus whiteheadi*, the well known Hainan silver pheasant is reported from Yaoshan, the first time it has occurred outside Hainan.

Numbers given to the following birds refer to those in my book.

Change of nomenclature:

- 9 *Sphenocercus sieboldi murielae* Delacour becomes *S. s. oblitus* Hartert.
- 36 *Squatarola squatarola australis* Reichenbach becomes *S. squatarola* (L.)
- 64 *Larus canus major* Middendorff becomes *L. c. kamtschatschensis* (Bonaparte).
- 109 *Spizaetus nipalensis fokiensis* W. L. Sclater becomes *S. n. whiteheadi* Swann and Wetmore.
- 126 *Caprimulgus macrurus bimaculatus* Peale becomes *C. m. hainanus* Mayr, *Ibis*, vol. 11, p. 310, 1938. Cheteriang, Hainan. Mayr's name is given to the resident bird and it is still unknown whether or not migrants visit Hainan.
- 154 *Cyanops faber* (Swinhoe) becomes *C. f. faber* (Sw.). Two speci-

mens of *C. f. sini* Stresemann from Yaoshan in my collection are clearly separable from the Hainan skins. The Hainan barbet is of the nominate race.

- 156 *Dryobates major akagera* Hachisuka becomes *D. m. hainanus* (Hartert and Hesse), *Orn. Monatsb.*, p. 192, 1911.
- 164 *Pitta nipalensis douglasi* O.-Grant becomes *P. soror douglasi* O.-Grant. *Nipalensis* and *soror* are considered to be distinct species and not races.
- 284 *Pica pica pica* (L.) becomes *P. p. sericea* Gould.
- 286 *Corvus macrorhynchus hainanus* Stresemann becomes *C. levaillanti hainanus* Str.

Additional species from *Chinese Birds*; Wilder, Gee and Moffett list the following species as occurring in Hainan but the records are unsubstantiated.

27a *Esacus recurvirostris* (Cuvier). The greater stone-plover was supposed to have taken in December (no year given). Peters, *Checklist Bds. World*, II, p. 297, 1934 also list this species as occurring there. I am unable to trace the original source of these records.

76a *Nipponia nippon* (Temminck). Japanese Crested Ibis.

Family Threskiornithidae includes the following two species:

76b *Threskiornis melanocephala* (Latham). White Ibis.

76c *Platalea minor* Temminck and Schlegel. Black-faced Spoonbill.

78a *Egretta eulophotes* (Swinhoe). Chinese Egret.

111a *Ichthyophaga nana plumbeus* Jerdon, Himalayan Fishing Eagle. *Polioaetus humilis major* by the three authors. This eagle is not recorded anywhere east of Tenasserim.

141a *Chaetura caudacuta cochinchinensis* Oustalet. White-throated or Giant Spine-tailed Swift. They claim this swift breeds on an islet off the south coast.

223a *Abornis albogularis fulvifacies* Swinhoe. Fulvous-faced Flycatcher Warbler. Recorded between May and December.

285a *Corvus corone orientalis* Eversmann. Eastern Carrion Crow. Re-

corded from Hainan Strait.

Additional species from *Birds of Kwangtung etc.*: Fok's list was partly compiled and partly based on specimens brought back by an expedition of Sun Ytsen University, Canton to Hainan prior to the Japanese incident in 1937, and it is believed that a well known ornithologist, Mr. Yen, was in the party.

84a *Ixobrychus eurythmus* (Swinhoe). Schrench's Little Bittern.

110a *Haliaeetus leucogaster* (Gmelin). White-breasted Sea Eagle.

La Touche recorded this sea eagle from the coast of Fukien and Kwangtung and Delacour and Jabouille from many localities in Indo-China including Mekong River and large lakes in Cambodia, therefore knowing the general distribution in South China and Indo-China, Fok's record may be authentic. Unfortunately, however I did not find this Hainan collection in Canton during my visit in 1940.

205 *Turdus hortulorum* Selater. Grey-backed Thrush.

Fok's record furnishes the second occurrence from Hainan.

273a *Sturnia sturnina* (Pallas). Daurian Starling.

287 *Corvus frugilegus pastinator* Gould. Eastern Rook.

Additions and remarks from other sources:

45a *Pseudotantalus guttifer* (Nordmann). Nordmann's Greenshank.

Tetsu, Herr Schmacker's collector obtained a pair of these sandpipers February 3, 1891 (?) at Hoihow. It is the only Chinese record.

142a *Hemiprocne longipennis coronata* (Tickell). Indian Crested Swift.

Père David, during his first voyage to China, noticed this swift flying over his boat in the Formosan channel. None of the British ornithologists who stayed for many years in China ever came across with it. The authors of *Chinese Birds* stated it is "recorded from South China coast". T. H. Cheng, in A Preliminary Check-list of Birds heretofore recorded from Kwangtung and nearby islands including Hainan. *Lingnan Sci. Journ.*, vol. 19, no. 9, p. 172, May 3, 1940, included the crested swift as occurring from Hainan. I believe

that Cheng's work is a compilation and the data were miscopied from *Chinese Birds*.

This swift is an inhabitant of thick woods and could hardly expect to be met with on an open sea. Père David apparently must have mistaken a swallow, which in size, shape and manner of flight is very similar to *Hemiprocne*. At the time of the observation, David was not very familiar with birds outside of France.

115 *Falco tinunculus* subsp.? Kestrel.

The dark and pale types of kestrels are found in Hainan. According to the study from rather insufficient material one is identified as the typical race and the other *interstinctus*.

228 *Phylloscopus goodsoni* Hartert. Goodson's Warbler.

According to Hartert, *Bull. B. O. C.* xxxvii, p. 43, 1917, this mysterious warbler is paler than *tickelli*.

抄 録

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